

FLAGRATION.

Block in the Heart of the Business Portion of Columbus, O., Burned.

THE LOSS PLACED AT ABOUT \$750,000.

Fire Is Thought to Have Started in the Dunlap Building, Occupied by a Clothing Store.

The Flames Soon Communicated to the Jones Block and the Solider & Bright Buildings—The Green, Joyce & Co. Building Badly Damaged.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—The most serious conflagration which has visited Columbus since the million dollar Chittenden hotel fire of 1893, visited Columbus Wednesday night. Half a block of fine buildings in the heart of the business portion of the town have been destroyed and the department have not yet gotten the flames under control. The fire is thought to have started in the basement of the Dunlap building occupied by the Chicago Bankrupt Clothing Co. It swept up the elevator shaft and soon the whole building was ablaze. Several alarms were sent in and the whole department, although doing their best work, seemed to have little effect in staying the progress of the flames. The audience in the High street theater, which is across an alley from the burning block, was dismissed in a hurry and this crowd was soon swelled to enormous proportions by a mob of excited people from all parts of the city.

The fire soon communicated to the Jones block on the left and the Solider & Bright building on the right, and these, with the wholesale millinery store of Solider & Bright and the store of D. S. Ambach, clothing store, as complete wrecks as the Dunlap building. A fire wall, four feet thick, separated the fine block of Green, Joyce & Co., wholesale dry goods and notions, from the others, but this was no barrier and at 1 o'clock Thursday morning the fire had eaten its way through and was burning fiercely in the upper stories. At 11:30 with scarcely any warning the front and rear walls of the Dunlap building, as though rent asunder by an explosion fell, one on High street and the other completely filling the alley in the rear with bricks and debris. Fortunately the police had kept the street fairly clear, or the loss of life would have been enormous. As it was a number of firemen were caught while flying from the crumbling walls. Whitey Davis is missing, and while his comrades and the police are making every effort to discover his remains, they have not yet been found.

Capt. Jack Welsh is badly bruised about the legs and body, seriously injured; Otis V. Kilbourne, bruised about head and body, may die; John Donahue, hurt internally and scalp wounds; Charles Conner, badly injured; Bob Kerrins, also badly bruised; Al Reeves, Pat Sullivan and William Swift are also more or less injured; Miss Carrie Johnson, a young lady, was knocked down and run over by a horse reel. Her right leg was broken, the bone crushed out of all shape. She has numerous other injuries and is in a precarious condition. Scores of other people were slightly injured when the walls gave way, by the flying debris. The State Journal places the entire loss at \$750,000.

The losses, roughly estimated, are as follows:
Green, Joyce & Co., building... \$150,000
Green, Joyce & Co., stock... 500,000
Dunlap building... 75,000
Chicago Clothing Co., stock... 100,000
Solider, Bright & Co., building... 75,000
Maccauley, millinery stock... 25,000
Jones building... 75,000
Gratigny, restaurant... unknown
Columbus Electric Light Co... 300
Columbus Gas Co... 500

At 1:15 the fire was burning fiercely and it was thought that the Chittenden hotel is doomed, as the adjoining building on Spring street is on fire.

Spanish Prisoners Released.
MADRID, Feb. 2.—A dispatch received from Gen. Rios, the Spanish officer in command of the troops of Spain in the Philippine islands, says that troops imprisoned on the island of Negros have been released by the insurgents and have arrived at Zamboanga, the town on the southwest extremity of the island of Mindanao, of the Philippine group.

Military Postal Stations in Cuba.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Four additional military postal stations on the island of Cuba, in connection with the New York post office, were authorized Wednesday to be established on February 10 as follows: No. 36, Colon, in Matanzas province; 37, Surgidero de Batabano, Havana; 38, Guines, Havana; 39, Union de Reyes, Mantanzas.

Workmen Fall From a Bridge.
DUBUOIS, Pa., Feb. 2.—One man was instantly killed and three others fatally injured by falling a distance of 50 feet Wednesday while working on a bridge on the extension of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad, near Punxsutawney.

DEATH OF THE "BOGIE MAN."

He Died of a Rare Disease, Called by Physicians Acromegaly, Or "Swelling of the Bones."

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—George Rogers, who was known in the vicinity in which he lived as the "Bogie Man," died Wednesday in the county hospital of a rare disease which the physicians have called acromegaly, swelling of the bones. His hands and feet were greatly swollen and his jaw was over four times the normal length. The distance from the frontal bone to the chin in the ordinary man is eight to ten inches, and in Rogers' this had grown to 20 inches.

Although a refined and educated man he was so sensitive over his appearance that he withdrew from his friends and family and lived in a barn in an obscure part of the city. He was taken from the barn to the hospital in a starving condition, and after his death his brother-in-law, at Rogers' request, caused his body to be cremated in order that the doctors might not hold a post mortem examination.

A CURRENCY BILL.

Causes of House Republicans to Decide the Question of Considering One During This Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A caucus of the republicans of the house has been called for Thursday night at 8 o'clock to decide upon the question of considering a currency bill at this session. The coinage, weights and measures committee has the bill to fix the standard of value and for other purposes, including the retirement of the greenbacks, on the calendar, and the friends of the measure have been persistently urging the committee on rules to grant time for its consideration.

The Indianapolis monetary convention committee has been urging similar action and Tuesday all the republican friends of currency reform were given a hearing in the room of the speaker as a result of which it was decided to call a caucus of republicans to determine upon a course of action. It may be that some other matters may be brought before the caucus.

AMERICAN POTTERY COMPANY.

The Consolidation of All the Large Potteries in the East Was Consummated in New York Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The consolidation of all the large potteries in the east was consummated here Wednesday. This was brought about chiefly through the Madlocks Co. of Trenton, N. J., making favorable arrangements with the leading interests in the newly formed American Pottery Co. That company will now have a capitalization of \$40,000,000. Equal amounts of common and 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock will be issued, of which \$4,000,000 preferred and \$3,000,000 common will remain in the treasury, together with \$1,500,000 cash for working capital and \$4,000,000 of quick assets. The output of the plant in 1898 which composed the combination was \$8,500,000, with profits computed at \$1,500,000.

Swampy Highway Stranded.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—The trans-Atlantic liner Rhynland, Capt. Hannah, from Liverpool for this port, went ashore on Cotton Patch shoal, about four miles north of Fenwick's island life-saving station during Wednesday night's storm. At a late hour Wednesday night she was still stranded, but lay in an easy position and it was hoped to get her off with the next high tide.

Jumped From a Window.
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Frederick Laubau, of Chicago, Wednesday jumped from the window of a hotel in Hoboken, N. J., where he was stopping, and sustained serious internal injuries. Laubau came east intending to sail for Germany last Saturday but missed his boat. Since then he has been despondent.

A Coal Mine Closed.
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 2.—The York Farm colliery, operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., Wednesday closed down indefinitely. Nearly 400 men and boys will be thrown out of work. The colliery has been in operation seven years and it is said, has lost money.

Child Drowned in a Tub of Water.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Howard Maffray, of 5299 Cabanne street, while preparing to give her infant daughter a bath at her home Wednesday evening, fell in a faint on the floor. When she came to she found the child drowned in the tub.

Another Cold Wave Coming.
CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The cold wave has moderated somewhat in the central states, but another cold wave has appeared in the northwest, where it has caused an additional fall in temperature. Williston, N. D., reports 30 below zero.

Beer for Americans in the Philippines.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—The steamship Empress of Japan sailed Wednesday for Yokohama and Hong Kong. She carried over 1,000,000 bottles of beer for Americans in the Philippines.

A B at Sugar Factory.
OMAHA, Feb. 2.—Contracts have been let for the erection of a large beet sugar factory at Ames, a small town west of this city on the Union Pacific.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

No Longer the Least Hope by His Friends That Justice Will Be Done.

ONSLAUGHT ON JEWS IS PROBABLE.

The Guilt or Innocence of Dreyfus Is a Mere Matter of Sentiment With the Frenchmen.

His Cause Has Been Ruined by Disreputable Adherents—The Jews Are Believed to Be at the Bottom of the Whole Trouble.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The most ardent supporters of the theory that Dreyfus was unjustly condemned now admit that there is no longer the least hope that justice will be done.

A prominent member of the University of Paris, who from the first has been a militant champion of a revision of the trial, says:

"For ninety-nine out of a hundred Frenchmen, the guilt or innocence of Dreyfus is a matter of sentiment. All the reasoning in the world would not induce them to change their attitude. There are millions of Frenchmen who will insist upon Dreyfus' guilt in spite of any proof to the contrary. A terrible feature of the situation is that the attitude of this majority is dictated by motives which they believe to be deserving of the highest respect. I admit that some of the Dreyfusards are much to blame for this. The best cause may be ruined by disreputable adherents, and there are men on the Dreyfus side of whom every patriotic Frenchman is the natural enemy. While the majority of us have merely *desolé*



Robert P. Kennedy, a member of the United States Colonial Commission.

President McKinley has recently appointed a board consisting of Gen. Robert Patterson Kennedy, of Ohio; Charles W. Watkins, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lieut. Col. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, to exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba. The functions of the new commission will be more economic than political. They will concern the granting of franchises, the supervision of public works and of engineering enterprises, which are now rapidly multiplying in the new territories.

that justice should be done, a pestilent minority has made this demand an excuse for virulent onslaughts on institutions we hold in great esteem."

In conclusion the member of the university predicted that the result of the agitation will be "an onslaught of unparalleled violence on the Jews, as the masses are convinced that they are at the bottom of the whole trouble."

TOOK POSSESSION OF A TRAIN.

Negro Soldiers at M. C. G. R. Kiddle the Cars With Bullets and Drift Arrest—They Were Driven.

MACON, Ga., Feb. 2.—As soon as they were mustered out about 200 drunken Negro soldiers from the 3d North Carolina took possession of the train in waiting for them at camp and began ridding the cars with bullets from their revolvers. When the train pulled into the city a perfect fusillade was kept up from car windows. A telephone message had warned the police, and a squad was at the Union depot when the train pulled in, but the Negroes would not allow the train to be stopped and no arrests could be made. No one was hurt, but many had narrow escapes. More trouble is looked for when the balance of the regiment is mustered out.

Gained Their Liberty.
WICHITA, Kas., Feb. 2.—Tuesday night seven convicts awaiting transfer to the penitentiary sawed their way through four steel barred doors and gained their liberty. Among them was Ed Stewart, sentenced to 50 years for murder. One of the seven, Chas. Howard, a grand larceny convict, returned Wednesday because of the cold weather. No trace of the others has been obtained.

An Execution—Hanged Fire.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—The Oxford hotel, Seventh and St. Charles streets, was partially burned Wednesday and 30 guests had a narrow escape. Three in the top story were rescued by firemen with ladders.

Man Was Deceased.
SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 2.—Gen. Henry has deposed the mayors and councilmen of Aguadilla and Moca, and temporarily suspended the civil authority in both towns.

THE PRESIDENT ILL.

Worry Over Opposition to the Peace Treaty Has a Bad Effect—Personal Attacks Cut Him to the Core.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Press telegraphs his paper that President McKinley is ill, the result of a breakdown over the worry and struggle to pass the Paris treaty, and because of personal attacks made on him by the opponents of the treaty.

"These attacks," the dispatch says, "are so unjust and the possibility of trouble in the Philippines is so imminent, through the encouragement which the minority in the senate is giving Aguinaldo and his followers, that the president is justly apprehensive and worried."

"For more than a week Mr. McKinley has been far from well. To intimate visitors, among public men, he has confided the condition of his health as a reason for not accepting their invitations for future ceremonies. At the same time the assurance has been given that the illness is only temporary, and certainly will yield to medical treatment. The president is not ill enough to retire from his office, and it is hoped that he will recover speedily."

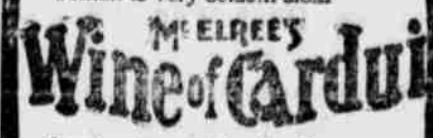
SUICIDED BY BURNING.

A Prisoner in a California Jail Pours Coal Oil Over His Clothes From an Ignited Stove.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—A horrible suicide occurred Wednesday in the San Francisco jail and two prisoners narrowly escaped death. Anthony Burtle, who on July 14, 1897, shot Sigmund Braverman, a jeweler, received a seven years' sentence for his crime, committed suicide by burning himself to death in his cell. He secured some coal oil from the stove which was used to heat the cell and poured it over his clothes while the

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business January 31, 1899, the debt less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,132,624,750, an increase for the month of \$23,448,464. This increase is principally accounted for by the redemption of government bonds issued in aid of the Central, Western and Union Pacific railroads which matured January 1, 1899. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$1,040,562,030; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,287,150; debt bearing no interest, \$388,493,245; total, \$1,427,203,425.

Col. on a Sea.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 2.—The steamer Richmond, which sailed for New York Tuesday night in the teeth of a blizzard, returned here Wednesday morning in a damaged condition, having collided with an unknown schooner off Trimble island late Tuesday night. The officers say it was a miracle that the steamer escaped foundering, as the schooner plunged right into her side. The fate of the schooner is unknown.

Succeeded in Her Eighth Attempt.

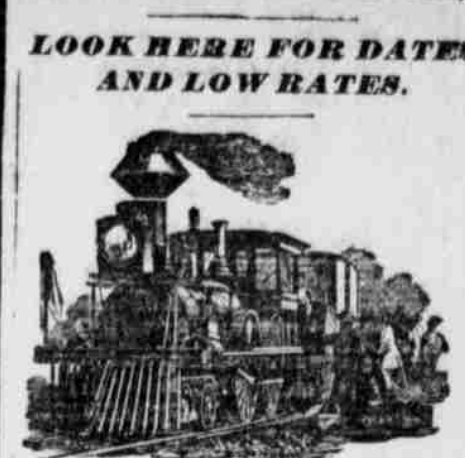
CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—During the last three years Mrs. Amelia Lutz, of this city, has repeatedly attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself. Each time her husband has cut the rope and rescued her, but Tuesday she made the eighth attempt and succeeded in ending her life.

Received by the Pope.

ROME, Feb. 2.—The pope received Archbishop Ireland at noon Wednesday. At the end of the audience the archbishop presented to the pontiff two ecclesiastics of his diocese.

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